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Write Your Own Shakespearean Sonnet Worksheet

Requirements… Your Sonnet must include…

- Structure: 14 Lines (3 Quatrains and 1 Couplet)
- Rhyme Scheme: A B A B / C D C D / E F E F / G G
- Rhythm: Iambic Pentameter (10 Syllables per line)
    - da DUM da DUM da DUM da DUM da DUM
    - don't PA-nic 'CAUSE it's NOT that HARD to DO
    - just KEEP an O-pen MIND and YOU'LL get THROUGH
- Unified Topic: love, heartbreak, friendship, family, favorite things, whatever!

_____ A

_____ B

_____ A

_____ B

_____ C

_____ D

_____ C

_____ D

_____ E

_____ F

_____ E

_____ F

_____ G

_____ G

Rubric for Shakespearean Sonnet

Category	Professional/50	Apprentice/40	Novice/35	Amateur/30
Format	14 lines, 3 quatrains, 1 couplet, correct rhyme scheme. (10)	14 lines, 3 quatrains, 1 couplet. Minor errors in rhyme scheme. (8)	14 lines, 3 quatrains, 1 couplet, numerous errors in rhyme scheme. (7)	Missing key elements of sonnet. (6)
Iambic Pentameter	Correct use of iambic pentameter. (10)	Minor errors in use of iambic pentameter. (8)	Iambic pentameter confusing. (7)	Many errors in iambic pentameter. (6)
Original Ideas; Continuity of Quatrains	Quatrains are related to subject; lead up to closing couplet. Overall ideas show time, effort and thought. (10)	Good ideas; improvement needed in effort and creativity. (8)	Ideas are present but are disconnected; does not show full potential. (7)	Ideas and effort need improvement; Ideas are not clear or connected. (6)
Imagery	Excellent word choice. Shows strong use of vocabulary and imagery. Meaning is clear. Outstanding effort. (10)	Good word choice. Shows use of good vocabulary and imagery. Meaning is clear. Good effort. (8)	Word choice, vocabulary, imagery and effort are needed. Meaning is confusing. (7)	Word choice, vocabulary, imagery and effort are poor. Meaning is not clear. (6)
M.U.G.S.	No errors in mechanics, usage, grammar and spelling. (10)	One or two errors in mechanics, usage, grammar and spelling. (8)	Three or four errors in mechanics, usage, grammar and spelling. (7)	Five or more errors in mechanics, usage, grammar and spelling. (6)

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